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**City Council Meeting Agenda
HYBRID MEETING
Amesbury High School Library
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
7:00pm**

This meeting will be conducted under S. 2475, An act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, signed on June 16, 2021

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Hogg
3. Roll Call
4. Act on Minutes – October 12, 2021 and October 19, 2021.
5. Mayoral Appointments –
2021-153 Appointment of Kathleen Troiano to the position of member of the Amesbury Housing Trust for a term to expire February 29, 2024
2021-154 Appointment of Euthemia Gilman to the position of member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire February 28, 2025
6. Monthly list of licenses
7. Correspondence
 - President/Vice President Communications
 - Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports
8. Public Comment
9. Council Response to Public Comment

10. Second Readings

Public Hearings –

2021-149 An Order to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 200A, Section 9A, relating to the disposition of unclaimed property by a city or town. – Mayor Sponsor

Summary: M.G.L. Chapter 200A, §9A, provides for an alternative procedure for the disposing of abandoned funds, known as Tailings, held in the custody of the City. Tailings can include uncashed Accounts Payable checks, uncashed Payroll checks, and certain tax overpayments where the property owner cannot be found. Adopting this statute allows for a more efficient and expedited process for the disposing of abandoned funds, allowing the Treasurer to take these funds as revenue into the General Fund after there have been several attempts to notify the check recipient, once one full year has passed since the original issuance. Without adopting this measure, the City would need to follow the Massachusetts Unclaimed Property Division's annual reporting guidelines, follow their three-year dormancy period, use their due diligence process to notify the recipients, and escheat the funds to the state annually. This measure allows the City to retain the funds, while also allowing the Treasurer to follow their own timeframe for disposing of Tailings.

2021-150 An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend a FY22 community One Stop for Growth, Community Planning grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD). – Mayor Sponsor

Summary: This \$75,000 grant from DHCD will fund the East End Smart Growth Planning Project. The City will use scenario planning to explore land use, mobility, design and conservation options that will create a vibrant gateway into Amesbury and help the East End Neighborhood embrace smart and sustainable land uses. The result will be a menu of options for the neighborhood that will not stress our roads, water and sewer systems and are sensitive to neighborhood character, environment and residents.

2021-151 An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant from the United States Department of Commerce. – Mayor Sponsor

Summary: This \$22,500 grant from EDA will fund the Reimagining a Resilient Downtown Amesbury Project. This represents the federal share of the project cost, with a \$22,900 non-federal matching share.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,



December 9, 2021